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In re Patent Application of

**SQUIRRELL et al.**Atty. Ref.: **124-765**Serial No. **09/529.722**Group: **1652**Filed: **April 19, 2000**Examiner: **Steadman**For: **EXPRESSION SYSTEM**

July 27, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 27, 2001, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested: the period for response having been extended up to and including July 27, 2001, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Insert the attached Abstract in place of the most recently filed copy of the same.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a polypeptide product which is substantially free of an undesired protein wherein the undesired protein has activity that is essential for survival of a host cell or for a viable production process using the host cell, and has activity that hinders the use of the polypeptide product, the process comprising culturing a host cell